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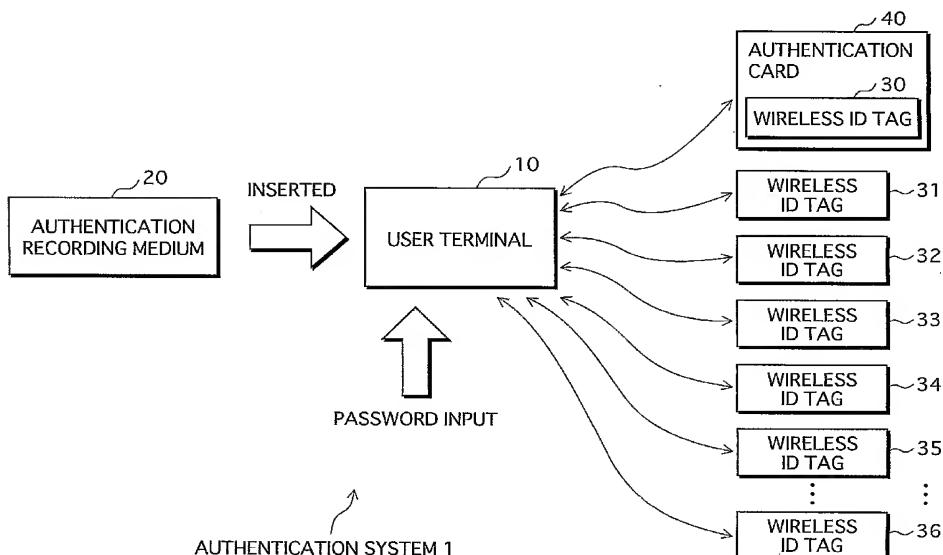
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(57) **Abstract:** An authentication system that permits the user to use a function by authenticating the user in a more reliable manner than conventional technologies. The authentication system 1 includes a user terminal 10, an authentication recording medium 20, and wireless ID tags 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, . . . 36. Upon receiving from a user an instruction to activate a function provided by the authentication system for which the access by the user is limited, the user terminal 10 collects ID codes from the wireless ID tags 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, . . . 36, and judge whether or not a level of match between the collected ID codes and the ID codes stored beforehand in the authentication recording medium 20 satisfies a predetermined condition. If the level of match satisfies the predetermined condition, the user terminal 10 activates the designated function.

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